

I am writing to respectfully ask that the FCC reject the NAB's petition 04-160. I don't understand why the National Association of Broadcasters should decide what music/talk I should listen to. I pay for this service and support XM satellite radio's ability to provide the kind of programming I enjoy listening to.

I love my satellite radio. It was the best gift I could have ever received. I love to listen to music -- all kinds of music. But radio stations are all the same - you either have your rock or pop stations - not the variety that you get from XM Satellite radio.

In the morning, there is maybe one station in the Tampa area that only plays music. Every other station has talk, talk, talk. Mostly about subjects I don't care to hear about. Why should I have to listen to what these broadcasters choose to put on the air.

Plus I have to wait to hear the traffic report - where on Satellite radio, I get instant traffic and weather, plus any type of music I care to hear -whether I feel like listening to music from a specific decade, some classic R&B, jazz, rock, pop.... the list goes on and on.

Did I mention that there are no commercials that I am forced to listen to? That's what this is about, right? The broadcasters think they are losing ratings to XM radio and therefore aren't making the money that they once were in advertising revenue. So, this petition is all about money, not providing a service to the public. That's what these broadcasters care about - money - not music.

Are we a free country? Isn't the freedom of choice one of our fundamental rights? I should have a choice in what I listen to (especially if I pay for it). Please support XM listeners and reject this petition.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
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XM Listener for life.